

Winter 2013

MTA Project Update

KIRK DIVISION MODERNIZATION

Construction Has Begun on the Kirk Division Modernization Project



Demolition of the Reese Press building is under way with approximately 50 percent of the north side warehouse demolished. The various materials are being segregated and recycled where possible. The prime contractor James W. Ancel, Inc. met with

the Maryland Department of the Environment to make a correction to the stormwater specifications in the construction plans. Those issues were resolved.

James W. Ancel, Inc. has completed numerous specialized projects (Zebra Mussel Control, Military Facilities, Operation Desert Storm, Hubble Space Telescope, and several Bus

Maintenance Facilities) since starting the business over 25 years ago. James W. Ancel, Inc. has won numerous awards including the 2009 General Contractor of the Year Award from the Maryland Chapter of the American Minority Contractors and Businesses Association, Inc. The President of the company is a lifetime resident of the City of Baltimore who graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Engaging in all types of construction (schools, water treatment plants, restorations, libraries, maintenance facilities, etc.), the Ancel Team delivers a tradition of excellence, innovative thinking, and commitment to its working relationships with its clients.



Groundbreaking Event Attended by Officials and Residents

On Tuesday, November 26, the Governor's Office held a groundbreaking event to celebrate the start of construction for the Kirk Division Modernization Project. Federal, state, and local officials were in attendance, as well as residents of the neighborhood. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake kicked off the event by welcoming attendees, and was followed by remarks from U.S. Deputy Transportation Secretary John D. Porcari, Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Federal Transit Administrator Peter M. Rogoff, and Maryland Transportation Secretary James T. Smith, Jr. The event concluded with a ceremonial groundbreaking by officials.



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor

Community Greenspace to Begin Construction Next Year

Along with the construction of a state-of-the-art Maintenance Facility, MTA will also be developing a park available for community use at the SE corner (intersection of Kirk Avenue and Bartlett Alley) of the existing Kirk Bus Division property. The park project has been a joint effort between MTA and the community. The park will feature an open lawn, gazebo with seating, a walking path with a bench, fencing, pedestrian lighting, shrubs and trees. Existing and new planting along Bartlett Alley will serve as a visual buffer for the houses backing to the alley. The project is slated to begin construction at the end of January 2014, with a projected completion in late Spring 2014, as it coincides with the planting season. One of the other milestones achieved on the project in the end of September 2013, was an acceptance from Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks to work with MTA to maintain the park upon its completion.



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